



# OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

## OAK TREE NEWS

*Deep roots for future growth*



Dear Parents/Carers,

We always pride ourselves on how well-behaved the children are and how they understand and demonstrate our school values. Unfortunately, over the last few weeks some of our children seemed to have forgotten Goldie's rules; children are talking during assemblies, not responding to an adult when they are being given instructions or when said good morning to, and we have had reports of children being rude and disrespectful to some after school club adults.

I'm saddened to have to write negatively in our newsletter but I need your support. Please can I ask you to talk to your children about what it means to show respect to all, please use Goldie's Rules to emphasise what this looks and sounds like. We want and need our children to know that they represent Oaklands Infant School in all aspects.

*Miss E Weston*

Acting Headteacher

## Goldie's Rules



- Remember your manners
- Listen to others
- Use kind words and hands
- Look after our school
- Try your best
- Allow yourself and others to learn



### Children who have received a Holly leaf

(now on display on the Oak Tree in the hall):

**Ash:** Rosie, Oliver, Dominic and Isla.

**Willow:** Alfie, Demi, Ryder and Arabella.

**Chestnut:** Mason, Bear, Thevan and Jack.

**Silver Birch:** Sophie, Sammy, Jack W and Sophia.

**Beech:** Toby, Harper-Jane, Elfi and Henry.

**Elm:** Leo, Leilani, Connor and Elijah.

### Parking

PLEASE can I remind you all about safe parking. You should not:

- Park on the zig-zag lines or opposite the school gate
- Park on the pavement
- Block driveways

Local residents have emailed me photos of cars parking across their drive on The Avenue, this is unacceptable.

We know how difficult it is to find a space in the morning, but we need to park safely and be respectful of our local residents. Please share this with other family members who pick up/drop off.

## Reading Guardians

We have had further interest from volunteers to support with reading in the school.

The next training will take place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm.**

Please let the school office know if you would like to attend the training on this date. Please arrive via the school office.

## Thank you

I need to start by saying a HUGE well done and thank you to the PTA for organising the fantastic firework night on Saturday 4th November, which really was a momentous event. It was wonderful to see so many of you there and have such great support from our local community, thank you. I know it took an awful lot of time and effort from the PTA team, both before and after the event to ensure everything went to plan. I'm pleased to announce the event raised an impressive £8,501.90!

## Year 2 church visit

On Wednesday, Year 2 walked to St John's Church as part of their learning about Remembrance. The children behaved beautifully and showed the utmost respect. We looked at the graves of fallen soldiers from Crowthorne and each child chose a name of a soldier to write a letter of thanks to. Thank you to all the volunteers that gave up their time to walk with us.



Ash and Willow had a Diwali day on Monday learning about how Diwali is celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs. The children had great fun making divas, learning some Bollywood dancing and dressing up in traditional dress.



## Remembrance

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, a Remembrance service was held at St John's church in Crowthorne. Oscar and his brother Thomas laid a wreath on behalf of the Oaklands schools to commemorate this time. We are very proud that they represented the Infants and Juniors within the community.





# READING NEWS



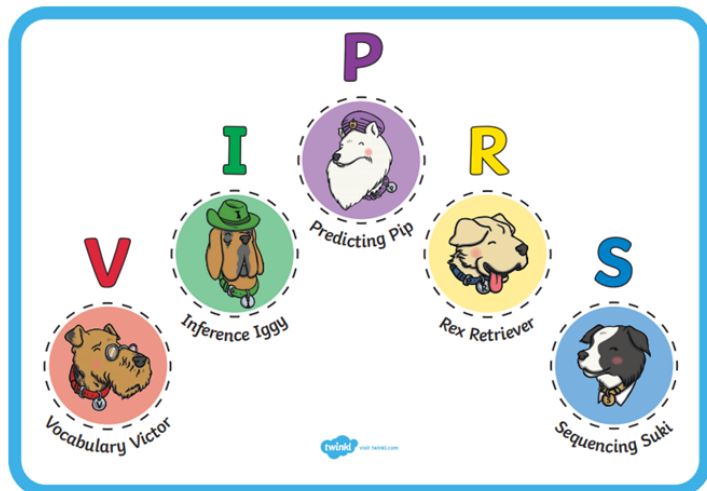
As I'm sure you've been told many times, reading is not just about your child using their phonics to decode a word, there's so much more to reading. A child's reading skills are important to their success in school as they will allow them to access the breadth of the curriculum and improve their communication and language skills. In addition, reading can be a fun and imaginative time for children, which opens doors to all kinds of new worlds for them.






As you may be aware to support children reading we use the Pawsome Gang. These are a group of clever canines who help with each one of the reading skills the children need to use. Click the link to take you to the school website where you will find some reading question prompts linked to the Pawsome Gang.

<http://oaklandsinfants.org/reading-comprehension-with-the-pawsome-gang/>

## Reading skills:

- Vocabulary
- Inference
- Predict
- Retrieve
- Sequence



<b>Vocabulary Victor</b> 	He might help you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• work out what words mean;</li> <li>• ask you to find words that the author has used;</li> <li>• ask you to give another word which means the same as one of the author's choices.</li> </ul>	<b>Sequencing Suki</b> 	She might ask you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to put different events from the text into the order that they happened;</li> <li>• to match events to the day or time they happened;</li> <li>• what happened first or last.</li> </ul>
<b>Rex Retriever</b> 	He might ask you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• what the characters are called;</li> <li>• what the characters do;</li> <li>• what the name of the chapter is;</li> <li>• what you have learnt about a particular topic.</li> </ul>	<b>Inference Iggy</b> 	The two types of question that Inference Iggy likes to ask most are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• why?</li> <li>• how do you know?</li> </ul>
<b>Predicting Pip</b> 		She will try to help you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• work out what might happen next based on what you have already read and what you know about that type of text.</li> </ul>	





# Children in Need



## Be SPOTacular



BBC Children in Need is a chance for us to help other children. It has three main aims; for children in the UK to be safe, happy and be able to do everything they are capable of. Today Oaklands Infants became a school of spots. The children all looked amazing dressed up in their spotty clothes, Pudsey T-shirts, jumpers and ears. Thank you to all of you who donated to this annual event. We raised £131.68



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# ELFRIDGES

Please donate unwanted **gifts** or new items that may be lying around waiting for a new purpose.

## FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Donations can be handed in at the Infants and Juniors Reception until 07/12.

Kids suggested to bring **£3** to buy a gift.

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PRESENTS

# Christmas Jumper Sale

RECYCLE YOUR OUTGROWN AND UNWANTED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!

BRING YOUR UNWANTED JUMPERS INTO THE SCHOOL BEFORE 1ST DECEMBER (MUST BE WASHED AND IN GOOD CONDITION)

COME ALONG TO OUR PRE-LOVED SALE ON:

**1st December**  
After School in the Juniors Playground


BAG YOURSELF A FESTIVE BARGAIN!

Warmest wishes!





## Christmas at Oaklands Infant School

Date	Notes
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Late night shopping in Crowthorne
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am: Christmas play to parents/carers
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am: Christmas play to parents/carers
<i>See letter regarding the school play to book your play tickets</i>	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Elfridges
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas lunch
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	South Hill Park Pantomime
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 	<p>2pm: carol service at St John's church, parents/carers can attend.</p> <p>We will be allowing children to be collected from the church or walk back to school. Details to follow nearer the time.</p> <p>Please be aware - if the weather is terrible for the children to walk to the church, we may need to cancel at the last minute.</p>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper day School finishes at 1.30pm

Children can write cards to others in their class.  
These can be brought in from the 1<sup>st</sup> December.



**The Beehive**  
OUT OF SCHOOL CLUBS

**Festive fun at Christmas Holiday Clubs** 18-22 December

**Crown Wood Primary School**

**Nine Mile Ride Primary School**

**HATCH RIDE SCHOOL**

**Birds of Prey**  
**Bubble Entertainer**  
**Build a Snowman Soft Toy\***  
**The Grinch Christmas Party**  
**Italian Pizza Making Class\***  
**Face Painting**  
**...and much more!**

**Times & Prices**  
8am-1pm £22  
All Day £38

Incl. activities & snacks!  
Activities with \* incur additional £5

Open to all children aged 3-11 years

[www.beehiveclub.co.uk](http://www.beehiveclub.co.uk)



**just play sports**

18-22 December

**Christmas Holiday clubs**

Banish holiday boredom with our jam-packed sessions for children aged 4-12

**Discover a new sport or game**  
Christmas-themed games, competitions and activities across:  
• Football • Multi-skills • Archery • Cricket  
• Tennis • Rounders • Dodgeball • Arts and crafts

**Savings to suit every pocket**  
**Save:**  
10% when you book the whole week  
10% for siblings

**Where you'll find the fun**  
St Paul's Junior School, Wokingham  
Oaklands Junior School, Crowthorne  
Colleton Primary School, Twyford

**Price drop**  
get 15% off at Oaklands and Colleton until 20 November

**Flexibility to suit you**  
Standard day: 10.00am - 3.30pm  
Extended day: 8.30am - 5.30pm  
4-year-olds: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Use your childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare

HAF spaces available

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[info@justplaysports.co.uk](mailto:info@justplaysports.co.uk)

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**BERKSHIRE MUSIC TRUST**  
Making music for everyone

**BRACKNELL HAVE A GO!**

Sign up within 24 hours of the event taking place to get **10% off** your first term of lessons!

**Come and try all our instruments for FREE!**  
Just turn up on Saturday 18th November 1.30pm-3.30pm at our **Bracknell Music Centre, Ranelagh School**  
Ranelagh Drive, Bracknell RG12 9DA  
[admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk](mailto:admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk)



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